

City of San Diego
Park and Recreation Board

June 18, 2009

**Revised
MINUTES**

“WE ENRICH LIVES THROUGH QUALITY PARKS AND PROGRAMS”

Meeting Held at:

City Administration Building
Committee Room, 12th Floor
202 C Street
San Diego, California 92101

Mailing Address is:

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Park and Recreation Director
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Members Present

Wilbur Smith, Chair
Michael Stepner
Ginny Barnes
Bruce Brown
Rick Bussell
William Diehl
Vicki Granowitz
Olivia Puentes-Reynolds (arrived at 2:07 p.m.)

Members Absent

Norman Greene
Roz King

City Staff Present

David Monroe
Kim Davies
Charles Daniels
Sheila Bose
Kevin Oliver
Elsa Marquez
Jane Witzke

CALL TO ORDER – The Chair Mr. Smith called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MAY 21, 2009

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED Mr. Stepner/Mr. Bussell

A motion was made by Mr. Stepner and seconded by Mr. Bussell to approve the May 21, 2009 meeting minutes with the following corrections under the Mission Bay Park Committee Report the statement “*140 increases in tickets sales*”, should read “*140% in tickets issued.*” Vote was unanimous.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Smith announced that Deputy Director of Community Parks II, David Monroe, was filling in for Ms. LoMedico and that Jane Witzke was filling in for Jo-Ann Novak. He welcomed them both to the meeting.

Mr. Smith also recognized Ricky Duran, District Manager, who is retiring in September for his dedication and hard work through the years and Elsa Marquez, Area Manager, who is retiring on June 26, 2009 for her 33 years of service to the Park and Recreation Department.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Consent At this time the Board may consider adoption of one or more items on the adoption agenda as “Consent” items.

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED Ms. Barnes/ Mr. Diehl

A motion was made by Ms. Barnes to move Item 102 to the Consent Agenda and was seconded by Mr. Diehl to approve the Consent Agenda. Vote was unanimous

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE – None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Area Committee Community Parks I – No Report

Area Committee Community Parks II – No Report-Ms. Puentes-Reynolds reported on behalf of Roz King that the statement in the minutes of May need to be stronger and as accurate as possible. I would like to have the CPII report in the attached May minutes more clearly reflect the concerns. *The Recreation Councils were concerned that they were not notified of the proposed staff rotations and rotations might find Recreation Centers with all new staff. The Recreation Boards were also not updated on the status of the hiring of vacant positions.*

Balboa Park Committee

- Ms. Granowitz reported that she along with member of the Park and Recreation Department attended The Save Our Heritage Organization (SOHO) Awards ceremony
- Balboa Park Summer concerts have begun and more information can be found at the Balboa Park website
- Special Events were discussed with issues that arose out of individuals going outside their permit limits, i.e. setting up extra stages, audio equipment that went beyond the allocated sound ranges. Two events were brought to the table-Science Festival with an expected 5,000 attendance but exceeded 15,000 and the Earth Fair. Concerns were also brought up about problems with getting in and out of the park in an emergency.

Design Review Committee – No report

Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve Citizens' Advisory Committee

- Mr. Brown reported that he attended the meeting but had to leave within the hour, so will give a more detailed report at the next meeting.
- The Camino Ruiz Neighborhood Park Trail has been completed. (David Monroe stated that a meeting was to be scheduled within the next two weeks to discuss an opening date.)

Mission Bay Park Committee

- Mr. Bussell reported that the Mission Bay Park Committee member's terms were up and that the members felt that having the Mayor and city council appoint the committee that there were concerns that community member were not perceived as qualified.
- Ms. McKenzie gave updates on the lease hold in Mission Bay and spoke on the Level 2 Drought Alert.
- Dredging and Jetty Revetment information was presented and needs were prioritized.
- Hubbs Sea World Research Institute is undertaking fish farming at Mission Bay for sustaining fisheries in the area. The project is 5 miles off the coastline, with lines running 1,200 feet in all directions and 300 feet down.

Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens' Advisory Committee – No report

Tecolote Canyon Citizens' Advisory Committee – No report

Torrey Pines City Park Advisory Committee – Ms. Barnes reported the consultant agreement was approved by the City Council and the Committee continues to move forward with the consultant design.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- Mr. Smith was concerned how the retirements of city staff will affect Park and Recreation Department, along with the economic and environmental changes that will impact the future of parks. He would like to include a discussion in one of the workshops.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Mr. Monroe Torrey Pines Municipal Golf Course Recognized “Good News”

COMMUNICATIONS (Limited to items not on the agenda. Each one will be limited to three minutes and is not debatable.)

- Ms. Troy Murphree spoke on the Tubman Joint-use Field and her concerns about installing synthetic/artificial turf. In one of the Board workshops, she would like this to be looked into.
- Ms. Granowitz distributed a letter that was signed by herself and Judith Swink, representing themselves at a city council meeting on June 9, 2009 in regards to the Docket Item 51 Designation of Authorities –O-2009-145 following were the main concerns:
 - In section 26.30 (g), line 3, correct language by deleting “and City Manager”.
 - In Sections 26.30 (b)(1) and (g)(1), replace the word “Each of the members....” With “A majority of the members...” This change will ensure that the skills necessary for service as Oversight Committee will be represented on both Boards but will make a number of seats available to some who may not explicitly possess these specified skills but who can bring skills and the perspectives of “the broader community”, as expressed and intended in the 1964 ordinance.
 - In Section 26.30 (b)(1) and (g)(1), delete “construction management”.
 - In Sections 26.30 (g)(1), delete the word “management” from “wildlife management” and “recreation management”.
 - In section 26.30 (b)(2) [Park and Recreation Board], add language explicitly inviting nominations from each of the 8 Council Members for the Park and Recreation Board.
 - Incorporate language in the ordinance (as a Whereas...) that acknowledges and formalizes the importance of having citizen advisory boards that are “broadly representative of the community”.

- Mr. Diehl notified the Board that the Land Use and Housing Committee (LU&H) meeting of June 17, 2009, that Facilities Benefit Assessment (FBA) and Developer Impact Fee (DIF) money was now to be collected after final inspection, instead of prior to building. This change will affect the money for parks in the City of San Diego.
- Ms. Barnes requested clarification on how the signature line should read when Board members are representing themselves in a letter. She asked Ms. Davis to look into the question.
- Ms. Puentes-Reynolds would like a report back on the Joint-use issue that Ms. Murphee spoke about earlier on the use of artificial turf versus natural.
- Mr. Diehl asked for an update on the status of the Rancho Peñasquitos Skate Park, which is due to open on July 4, 2009. Mr. Monroe will provide the update, prior to the 4th of July via e-mail to Mr. Diehl.
- Ms. Barnes would like to add two (2) time sensitive items to the agenda, as discussed at a prior meeting: 1) the Land Use and Housing Committee (LU&H) change and 2) the General Plan Action Plan.

ACTION ITEM

101. West Lewis Mini Park – Approval of General Development Plan

Marney Jensen, Project Manager, Schmidt Design Group, gave a PowerPoint presentation of the General Development Plan for the Boards approval.

Speaker slips were received from Mr. John Lomac and Ms. Kathy Jones who stated that the General Development Plan as shown should not be approved due to the community wanting changes to “soften” the look of the park. A letter stating this was distributed to the Park and Recreation Board and is also noted in the staff report.

Board discussion was heard on how this park could be re-designed, without cost, to incorporate the changes that the community has asked for.

Staff felt that any changes made to the General Development Plan would have to go back through all boards and community groups, therefore adding to the cost of the project.

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED Ms. Granowitz/ Ms. Barnes

A motion was made by Ms. Granowitz and seconded by Ms. Barnes to 1) Direct staff working with Council District 2 that the design should be softened and **made more organic** to fit better with in the natural setting of the adjacent canyon. 2) No more than \$450, 000 of Developer Impact Fee (DIF) money to be spent on Phase I of this project and no Developer Impact Fee (DIF) funds should be allocated to Phase II of this project and 3) that there be consideration of removing the 7 items:

- Remove the four (4) northernmost corten steel raised planters with small trees.
- Remove approximately 70%-80% of the boulders with only a few left for seating.
- Increase native/drought tolerant planting as necessary to soften the park
- Delete the concrete grid.
- Reduce the size of the “accent paver” area and substitute a more organic appearing material.
- Retain the interpretive sign/kiosk and walkway.
- Retain the public art as budget permits.

Due to the budget allocated.

The ayes have it.

INFORMATION ITEM

201. “San Diego: A Comprehensive Plan for its Improvement,” prepared by John Nolen

A DVD was viewed by the Board on the John Nolen, planner of the City of San Diego in 1908. The celebration carried over to 2009. On January 1, 1909, the Plan was published in its entirety in the San Diego Union.

Additional Items to Agenda:

Ms. Barnes requested that two time sensitive Items be added to the agenda:

- 1) The Land Use and Housing Committee decision that was passed on the Facilities Benefit Assessment (FBA) and Developer Impact Fee (DIF) fees
- 2) General Plan Action Plan that goes before City Council on July 7, 2009

Ms. Davies cautioned the board on how to go about this.

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED Ms. Barnes/ Mr. Stepner

A motion was made by Ms. Barnes and seconded by Mr. Stepner to discuss the above to be added to the agenda. A unanimous vote is needed. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Diehl gave an overview of on the Land Use and Housing vote that took place on June 17, 2009, as stated under Communications.

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED Ms. Barnes/Mr. Diehl

A motion was made by Ms. Barnes and seconded by Mr. Diehl that a letter should be drafted to the Mayor and Council Members stating the Park and Recreation Boards opposition to the change to the current system/process for the Facilities Benefit Assessment (FBA) and Developer Impact Fee (DIF) fees. Motion passed unanimously. (Mr. Diehl and Mr. Brown will compose the letter) *After vote Ms. Puentes-Reynolds had to leave the meeting.*

Ms. Barnes discussed the General Plan Action Plan Recreation Element and would like the Board to draft a letter stating that they support this action.

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED Ms. Barnes/ Ms. Granowitz

A motion was made by Ms. Barnes and seconded by Ms. Granowitz that staff working with Board members will compose a letter to the City Planning and Investment Department supporting the General Plan Action Plan implementation program. Vote was unanimous.

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED Mr. Stepner/ Mr. Bussell

A motion was made by Mr. Stepner and seconded by Mr. Bussell finding that the two above items added to the agenda required immediate action by the Board, and that both of these items came to the Board's attention after the agenda was prepared and posted. Vote was unanimous.

WORKSHOP – None

STANDING UPDATES

1. Business Process Re-Engineering (BPR) - No Update

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m. in honor of Park and Recreation Employee Betty Wood who retired after 37 years of service.

Next Regular Meeting: **Thursday, July 16, 2009**

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Submitted by,

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Community Parks II